

**United States Department of Agriculture**  
**Agricultural Marketing Service**  
Commodity Procurement Staff  
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Room 3522-S, STOP 0239  
Washington, DC 20250-0239

#### Information

Description: **AG-FFRV-S-15-0054**  
Bid invitation number: **2000003187**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 02/12/2015 06:20:00  
Offer Due Date : 02/24/2015 13:00:00

Opening date: 02/24/2015 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

FROZEN VEGETABLES, SOLICITATION NO: 2000003187

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen vegetables pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the National School Lunch Program and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, February 27, 2015. Deliveries are to be made between April 1, 2015, and August 31, 2015.

Offerors who intend to use more than one processing plant and shipping point for contracts awarded under this solicitation, other than the processing plant and shipping point entered in their bids, may submit a list of their approved processing plants and shipping points on a separate sheet of paper to be uploaded in WBSCM, and to be submitted with their bids.

USDA will accept product produced in the preceding year as long as it was produced according to the applicable Commodity Specification and meets the requirements within.

This Solicitation may show multiple stops on some line items; however, the number of stops will be limited to a maximum of three. To determine the number of destinations, review the "Tendering Text" for the lot, which will indicate the City and State for each stop.

Bidders may submit different prices for each stop. However, a price is required on all line items within the lot.

For offshore destinations (Puerto Rico, Hawaii, etc.), offerors have the option to choose to enter their bids direct to the offshore destination or to the port.

Purchases will be made on an f.o.b. destination basis to cities on this Solicitation. Destination quantities listed are estimates and subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient needs, market conditions, and program operations.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

Offers must be submitted electronically via the Web-Based Supply Chain Management System (WBSCM). Offers submitted by any means other than WBSCM will be deemed nonresponsive. Offerors must be active in WBSCM and have the required bidder roles in order to submit offers under this solicitation. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions or call (202) 720-4517 for assistance.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated April 2014; the Specification for Frozen Vegetables dated June 2014; or this Solicitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA, AMS, Room 3522-South; 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.; Washington, D.C. 20250-0239. Telephone: (202) 720-4517. FAX:

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**See attached documents:**

- 1 . AMS MASTER SOLICITATION APRIL 2014
- 2 . SPECIFICATION FOR FROZEN VEGETABLES JUNE 2014

**Attributes :**

OFFEROR CERTIFIES THAT THE OFFER IS MADE SUBJECT TO THE MASTER SOLICITATION; COMMODITY SUPPLEMENT AND/OR SPECIFICATION(S); THIS SOLICITATION; THE AGRICULTURE ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (AGAR) AND THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (FAR).

Timely performance: Offeror and any subcontractor have completed required performance of any USDA contract prior to this bid opening.

- Permitted values:
- Have been delivered
  - Have not been delivered
  - Have not been delivered, but the Offeror has notified the Contracting Officer
  - There are no existing contracts/purchase orders

OFFEROR REQUESTS HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS PRICE EVALUATION PREFERENCE. APPLIES ONLY TO FIRMS CERTIFIED IN THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S HUBZONE PROGRAM (FAR SUBPART 19.13). MUST BE THE MANUFACTURER/PRODUCER OF THE PRODUCT TO RECEIVE A PRICE PREFERENCE

Furnish name, title, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address of person submitting this bid (must be an officer of the company or a person authorized to execute contracts/purchase orders on behalf of the bidder).

IS THE OFFEROR AN ENTITY THAT HAS FILED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION IN ONE OF THE FIFTY STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR THE VARIOUS TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES? YOU MUST ANSWER THE NEXT 3 QUESTIONS IF THE ANSWER FOR THIS QUESTION IS YES.

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HAS THE OFFEROR BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

HAS THE OFFEROR HAD ANY OFFICER OR AGENT OF OFFEROR CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION FOR ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF OFFEROR UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

DOES THE OFFEROR HAVE ANY UNPAID FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY ASSESSED, WHICH ALL JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED/LAPSED, THAT IS NOT BEING PAID IN A TIMELY MANNER PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT WITH THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING IT?

Offeror acknowledges receipt of the amendment(s) to the solicitation. Select N/A if no amendment was issued to the solicitation.

Permitted values:

- Yes
- No
- N/A

### Bid invitation Item details

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
<b>10 VEGETABLE, FROZEN</b>						
<b>20 CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB</b>						
<b>30 CREEDMOOR NC</b>						
40	110481	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/16/2015-04/30/2015	27522	2,640	CS
<b>50 SALISBURY NC</b>						
60	110481	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/16/2015-04/30/2015	28147	1,320	CS
<b>70 CHATTANOOGA TN</b>						
80	110481	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	08/16/2015-08/31/2015	37406	1,320	CS
<b>90 KINGSFORT TN</b>						
100	110481	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/01/2015-04/15/2015	37663	1,320	CS
<b>110 LOT: 153615324 BIRMINGHAM AL / MONTGO...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 153615324 BIRMINGHAM AL / MONTGOMERY AL /						
120	110481	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/16/2015-04/30/2015	35209	760	CS
130	110481	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	04/16/2015-04/30/2015	36108	560	CS
<b>140 LOT: 209269910 TAMPA FL / WINTER HAVE..</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 209269910 TAMPA FL / WINTER HAVEN FL /						
150	110481	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/01/2015-06/15/2015	33605	385	CS
160	110481	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	06/01/2015-06/15/2015	33880	935	CS
<b>170 LOT: 358489688 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE ...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 358489688 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE SC / NO CHARLESTON SC /						



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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
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440	110481	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	05/01/2015-05/15/2015	30909	660	CS
450	110481	CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB	05/01/2015-05/15/2015	31909	660	CS
Total Quantity for CARROTS DICED FRZ CTN-12/2.5 LB					19,800	CS
Total Quantity for Invitation					19,800	CS

*David M. Mumford*

Contracting officer

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